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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicant with the next Office communication to indicate that the references have been considered, per MPEP § 609.

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The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the Chinese Office Action dated June 6, 2008 is attached for the Examiner's information. An English-language Abstract and translation of the non-English language reference is attached hereto.

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